

STATE OF IOWA
Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget
SPECIAL DEPARTMENT: (540) Judicial Branch
Budget Unit: (444B200001) Judicial Branch
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Base	This appropriation funds the operations of the entire Judicial Branch and the functions of the state court system.	Appropriation FTE	181,023,744 1,764.34	181,023,744 1,764.34
0001	To maintain our current service level we need to restore funding for all authorized employees. This request also restores funding for office supplies and furniture and equipment cuts due to the reduction in the FY 21 appropriation.	Appropriation	3,797,749	3,797,749
0002	Staffing in clerk of court offices in 32 counties is below the recommended level of 2.5 staff. A minimum of 2.5 positions are recommended in each courthouse to ensure safety, fiscal responsibility, full-time coverage, and full-service. To support the vitality of rural courthouses, the 17 additional clerk staff will be distributed to counties that have fewer than 2.5 clerk staff.	Appropriation FTE	1,017,701 17.00	1,017,701 17.00

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0003	A 3% salary increase is requested for all judges and magistrates (\$1,423,604).The number of applicants for open positions is declining and fewer applicants are coming from private practice. Reclassification Study- All non-judicial officer positions within the branch are evaluated on a four year cycle to ensure compensation is in alignment with the market. Judicial specialist positions, which are the primary staff in clerk offices, were evaluated this current cycle. \$1,057,349 is required to keep salaries competitive so the branch can attract and maintain quality personnel.	Appropriation	2,481,153	2,481,153
0004	This access to justice package will provide self-represented litigants with assistance and tools needed to obtain justice. A 1.00 FTE Navigator position for the Story County Pilot District Self-Help Center is requested.	Appropriation FTE	83,055 1.00	83,055 1.00

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0005	New personnel will increase capacity in judicial districts to meet workload demands. Current workload formula reveals that the judicial branch is currently short 11 district judges and 18.6 district associate judges (DAJ). We are requesting funding for 4 DAJs and associated support staff (judicial support specialist, law clerks, and court reporters) in this next fiscal year and over the following 4 years.	Appropriation FTE	1,479,230 13.60	1,479,230 13.60
0006	Development of new applications(ODR, interactive online forms, electronic warrants, electronic reminders, DST, etc,) require increased testing capacity. Staff also needed to support new phone systems. (3) FTE total.	Appropriation FTE	229,902 3.00	229,902 3.00
<u>Total Budget Unit Funding</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2021 Estimated</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2022 Department Request</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2022 Governor's Recommendations</u>
Appropriation		<u>\$ 181,023,737</u>	<u>\$ 190,112,527</u>	<u>\$ 190,112,527</u>
Total FTE		<u>1,765.34</u>	<u>1,798.94</u>	<u>1,798.94</u>